

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Houston Casualty Company, a foreign  
corporation,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

Findlay Management Group, a Nevada  
Domestic Corporation,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 2:24-cv-01459-ART-NJK

**ORDER APPROVING**

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR  
PERMISSION TO PRACTICE  
IN THIS CASE ONLY BY  
ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED  
TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT  
AND DESIGNATION OF  
LOCAL COUNSEL**

FILING FEE IS \$250.00

Nicholas Novak, Petitioner, respectfully represents to the Court:  
(name of petitioner)

1. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of

BatesCarey LLP

(firm name)

with offices at 191 North Wacker, Suite 2400,  
(street address)

Chicago, Illinois, 60606,  
(city) (state) (zip code)

312-762-3100, nnovak@batescarey.com.  
(area code + telephone number) (Email address)

2. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by

Certain Underwriters as designated below to provide legal representation in connection with  
[client(s)]

the above-entitled case now pending before this Court.

Certain Underwriters subscribing to Policy No. ACX1068023:  
United Specialty Insurance Company; Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's London;  
Syndicate BRT 2987; Syndicate KII 1618; Syndicate KLN 510; Syndicate TMK 1880;  
Syndicate AUL 1274; Syndicate AES 1225; Aspen Specialty Insurance Company; and  
Endurance American Specialty Insurance Company

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3. That since November 8, 2007, Petitioner has been and presently is a  
 (date)  
 member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of the State of Illinois  
 (state)  
 where Petitioner regularly practices law. Petitioner shall attach a certificate from the state bar or  
 from the clerk of the supreme court or highest admitting court of each state, territory, or insular  
 possession of the United States in which the applicant has been admitted to practice law certifying  
 the applicant's membership therein is in good standing.

4. That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District  
 Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States and Courts  
 of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a member in good  
 standing of the bars of said Courts.

Court	Date Admitted	Bar Number
U.S. District Court Northern District of Illinois	Nov. 26, 2007	
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit	Dec. 8, 2010	
State of Illinois	Nov. 8, 2007	6294506

5. That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against petitioner,  
 nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory  
 or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or  
 disbarment proceedings, except as described in detail below:

None

6. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada. (Give particulars if ever denied admission):

None

7. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations.

American Bar Associations, Illinois Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association

8. Petitioner has filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 11-2 (formerly LR IA 10-2) during the past three (3) years in the following matters: (State "none" if no applications.)

Date of Application	Cause	Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	Was Application Granted or Denied
None			

(If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)

9. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

10. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of the members of the bar of this court.

11. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.



1 That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court  
2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.

*Nicholas Novak*

Petitioner's signature

3  
4 STATE OF Illinois )  
5 COUNTY OF Cook )

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7 Nicholas Novak, Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

8 That the foregoing statements are true.

*Nicholas Novak*

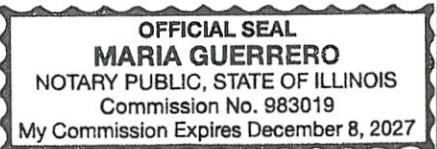
Petitioner's signature

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10 Subscribed and sworn to before me this

11 20 day of June, 2025.

*[Signature]*

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13 Notary Public or Clerk of Court



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16 **DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO**  
17 **THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND CONSENT THERETO.**

18 Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Rules of Practice for this Court, the Petitioner  
19 believes it to be in the best interests of the client(s) to designate Todd L. Moody,  
20 (name of local counsel)  
21 Attorney at Law, member of the State of Nevada and previously admitted to practice before the  
22 above-entitled Court as associate resident counsel in this action. The address and email address of  
23 said designated Nevada counsel is:

24 10080 W. Alta Drive, Suite 200,  
(street address)

25 Las Vegas, Nevada, 89145,  
(city) (state) (zip code)

26 702-385-2500, tmoody@hutchlegal.com  
(area code + telephone number) (Email address)

1 By this designation the petitioner and undersigned party(ies) agree that this designation constitutes  
2 agreement and authorization for the designated resident admitted counsel to sign stipulations  
3 binding on all of us.  
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5 **APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED RESIDENT NEVADA COUNSEL**

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7 The undersigned party(ies) appoint(s) Todd L. Moody as  
8 his/her/their Designated Resident Nevada Counsel in this case.  
(name of local counsel)

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(party's signature)

11 Lindsay R. Boyd  
12 (type or print party name, title)

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14 (party's signature)

15 VP, Ambridge Cyber Claims  
16 (type or print party name, title)

17 **CONSENT OF DESIGNEE**


18 The undersigned hereby consents to serve as associate resident Nevada counsel in this case.

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Designated Resident Nevada Counsel's signature

21 5430  
22 Bar number

tmoody@hutchlegal.com  
Email address

23 **APPROVED.**

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25 Anne R. Traum  
26 United States District Judge

27 DATED: July 11, 2025  
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6/20/2025

Re: Nicholas Robert Novak  
Attorney No. 6294506

To Whom It May Concern:

The records of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Illinois and this office reflect that Nicholas Robert Novak was admitted to practice law in Illinois on 11/8/2007; is currently registered on the master roll of attorneys entitled to practice law in this state; has never been disciplined and is in good standing.

Very truly yours,  
Lea S. Gutierrez  
Administrator

By:   
Andrew Oliva  
Registrar